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For: THROMBOSPONDIN FRAGMENTS AND USES THEREOF IN CLINICAL  
ASSAYS FOR CANCER AND GENERATION OF ANTIBODIES AND OTHER  
BINDING AGENTS**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Mail Stop PCT  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the following to the specification after page 50, line 6:

--The current inventions may be further summarized and numbered in the following fashion (using 164 numbered Paragraphs) analogous to the procedure for numbering claims, where the word "Paragraph" has been substituted for the word "Claim":

1. A purified thrombospondin fragment that has been extracted from a bodily fluid, said fragment being one within a molecular weight range selected from the group consisting of 80 to 110 kDa, 40 to 60 kDa, and 20 to 35 kDa, wherein the size in kDa is that determined by gel electrophoresis after disulfide bond reduction.